

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,  
January 2, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, January 2, 1923, and was called to order by President Fitzhugh at 7:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor and Fitzhugh. Absent: Stone.

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The minutes of an adjourned, regular meeting of December 26, 1922 were read and approved after a slight correction.

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Trustee Stone arrived during the reading of the minutes.

The following communication was read by the City Clerk:

"Torrance, Jan. 2, 1923

Board of Trustees, Torrance.

Dear Sirs:

For the killing of one Airedale female pup "Peggy", by officer Anderson, on the morning of December 21st, 1922, I ask as damages for same the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Respectfully,

Signed: Harry S. McManus".

This matter was to be taken up later in the evening as some witnesses were to be called.

Dr. Lancaster, Health Officer, reported that quite a number of children, mostly Mexican, were sent home from school on account of contagious diseases that could be easily cured if the right methods were used; that it was hardly worth while to prescribe for them as the prescriptions were seldom filled, or, if filled, not used. The Doctor suggested that a nurse be secured to look after these cases and that the City stand the expense which, probably, would not exceed \$15.00 per month.

Trustee Gilbert moved that Dr. Lancaster be empowered to employ a nurse at his own discretion to care for these cases, and that the bill be presented to the City. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Mr. Winters asked that he be allowed to build a garage within 10 feet of the property line on Susanna Street, claiming his frontage to be on Carson Street. The matter was referred to the City Engineer and the City Attorney.

Mr. King, Mr. Concialdi and Mr. Huggard, witnesses in the above mentioned claim, arrived. They were asked for their versions of the matter of the killing of the McManus dog. After hearing them, Trustee Stone moved that Mr. McManus' communication be answered; telling him that, after looking into the matter quite thoroughly, the Board did not feel justified in paying him for the loss of the dog, and that the Board upheld the action of officer Anderson. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Stone reported that the American LaFrance Co. had brought down a Brockway Fire truck to take the place of the Fire truck which had been sold to Elsinore; that the new Engine would be here any time after the 10th of January; also stated that the floor of the Fire house had to be cut out in order to get the truck in, and siren prices would be taken up later.

Trustee Nash reported the financial condition of the City as not in very good shape; also that it would be necessary for the City to spend about \$25.00 for some kind of a scrap book for filing the Bond coupons which should be pasted in as they are paid off.

The Police Chief reported several accidents lately; also that there was trouble about animals running around loose in the streets, getting into people's gardens, etc.

Trustee Stone moved that this matter be referred to the Ordinance committee for action. Trustee Proctor and Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The matter of collecting Business licenses was also referred to the Ordinance committee on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Stone, and a majority vote:

City Attorney Briney reported that no trial had been held in the Sewer case and that it would be from one to four months before the case could come up; also that Mr. Campbell had returned and he thought it a good plan to arrange a meeting with him and have one or more of the Board with himself make a call on Mr. Campbell.

In the matter of the Pacific Electric rights of way on certain streets, the City Attorney stated that he was not ready to make recommendations.

The \$250.00 fund for the use of the Police Department for secret service work was again discussed, after which City Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 105

RESOLVED, That \$250.00 from the General fund be turned over to the City Clerk as an advance expense account for secret service work for the Police Department, to be accounted for monthly to the Finance committee.

Trustee Stone moved that Resolution No. 105 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The City Recorder reported fines to the amount of \$450.00 for the month of December.

The City Clerk reported Building permits to the amount of \$335,000. for the last year.

Trustee Stone moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Mr. Gadeky, of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that he had not been successful in getting prices and data for the tentative play ground in El Prado; That all he had received so far was a price of 62½ cents per rod for 40 inch fence and 72 cents per rod for 64 inch. He was referred to the L. A. Fence Co. Los Angeles.

Mr. Sam Levy of the Business Mens Association stated that the City was in need of more police protection at night, and that if the City was not in a position to furnish it at this time, that the merchants themselves were thinking of paying a man for this service, and wanted the City to deputize him. Trustees Stone and Nash were asked to cooperate with the Business men and see if something could not be worked out that would be satisfactory to both parties.

Trustee Stone moved that B. M. Anderson be employed as City Marshal of the City of Torrance, beginning January 3, 1923. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Gilbert moved at 9:35 P.M. that the meeting adjourn until 7:30 P.M. Friday January 5, 1923. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

*Albert H. B. Antlett*  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

*J. M. Fitzhugh*  
President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance.